

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 A computer system that contains a boot signature checker is disclosed. In one
3 example, the boot signature checker monitors the bus connecting the processor with the
4 memory and provides a boot signature that is a function of the signal sequence detected on
5 the bus. If an unauthorized user tampers with the operating system within the memory as
6 when attempting to gain unauthorized access to presentable content such as television
7 programming, the boot signature checker will in all probability produce a different boot
8 signature than expected. The decrypter will respond to this different boot signature by, for
9 example, deactivating thereby potentially preventing an unauthorized user from gaining
10 access to presentable content.

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